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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (MRN 443 VICE 433)

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TAGS: EGEN, ECON, PGOV, AS  
SUBJECT: THIRD FRASER GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES FORMATION OF CABINET

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1. FOLLOWING A CABINET MEETING IN CANBERRA ON JANUARY 17  
THE FRASER GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THE FORMATION, FUNCTIONS  
OF AND MEMBERSHIP IN THE FOLLOWING CABINET COMMITTEES:

AM PLANNING AND CO-ORDINATION

TO FACILITATE THE CO-ORDINATION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S  
MEDIUM- AND LONG-TERM ACTIVITIES, MR. FRASER (CHAIRMAN),  
MR. ANTHONY, MR. LYNCH, MR SINCLAIR, SENATOR WITHERS,  
MR. STREET, MR. NIXON, MR. HOWARD, SENATOR CARRICK.  
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B. FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE

TO CONSIDER MATTERS CONCERNED WITH INTERNATIONAL  
RELATIONS AND DEFENSE: MR. FRASER (CHAIRMAN), MR. ANTHONY,  
MR. LYNCH, MR. SINCLAIR, SENATOR WITHERS, MR. HOWARD,  
MR. PEACOCK, MR. KILLEN, MR. MACKELLER.

C. INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY

TO EXERCISE POLICY CONTROL AND MANAGERIAL OVERSIGHT IN RESPECT OF INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY MATTERS. MR. FRASER (CHAIRMAN), MR. ANTHONY, MR. SINCLAIR, SENATOR WITHERS, MR. PEACOCK, MR. KILLEN, MR. ROBINSON, SENATOR DURACK.

D. MACHINERY OF GOVERNMENT:

TO DEAL WITH ORGANIZATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS CONCERNED WITH THE ACTIVITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT: MR. FRASER (CHAIRMAN), MR. LYNCH, MR. NIXON, SENATOR CARRICK, SENATOR GUILFOYLE, MR. ROBINSON, MR. VINER, MR. STALEY, SENATOR DURACK.

E. MONETARY POLICY

TO DEAL WITH MATTERS RELATING TO INTEREST RATES, BANKING POLICY AND CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATES: MR. FRASER (CHAIRMAN) MR. ANTHONY, MR. LYNCH, MR. SINCLAIR, SENATOR WITHERS, MR. HOWARD, MR. ROBINSON.

F. WAGES POLICY

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TO DEAL WITH NATIONAL WAGE CASE AND OTHER INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND CONCILIATIONS AND ARBITRATION ISSUES: MR. LYNCH (CHAIRMAN), MR. SINCLAIR, MR. STREET, MR. NIXON, MR. HOWARD, MR. PEACOCK, MR. VINER, SENATOR DURACK, MR. ELLICOTT, MR. GROOM.

G. GOVERNMENT PURCHASING

TO OVERSEE GOVERNMENT PURCHASING POLICY IN RELATION TO PURCHASES BY DEPARTMENTS AND AUTHORITIES AND TO SCURTINIZE PROPOSALS TO PURCHASE IMPORTED GOODS IN PREFERENCE TO AUSTRALIAN-MADE GOODS. MR. LYNCH (CHAIRMAN), SENATOR WITHERS, MR. STREET, MR. NIXON, MR. ROBINSON, MR. MCLEAY, MR. MACPHEE, MR. FIFE.

H. SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY

TO OVERSEE AND CONSIDER POLICIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE HEALTH AND WELFARE FIELD: MR. LYNCH (CHAIRMAN), SENATOR CARRICK, SENATOR GUILFOYLE, MR. ROBINSON, MR. VINER, MR. HUNT, MR. MACKELLER, SENATOR DURACK, MR. ELLICOTT, MR. GROOM.

I. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE

TO DEAL WITH MATTERS NOT INVOLVING NEW MAJOR POLICY INITIATIVES OR OF SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC OR FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES: MR. LYNCH (CHAIRMAN), MR. STREET, MR. NIXON, MR. HOWARD, SENATOR CARRICK, MR. ROBINSON, MR. HUNT, MR. MACKELLER, MR. ADERMANN, MR. MCLEAY, MR. NEWMAN, SENATOR WEBSTER, MR. STALEY, SENATOR DURACK, MR. MACPHEE, MR. FIFE, MR. GARLAND, MR. ELLICOTT, MR. GROOM.

J. LEGISLATION

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TO EXAMINE ALL BILLS BEFORE THEY ARE PRESENTED TO PARLIAMENT AND TO DETERMINE THE PARLIAMENTARY PROGRAM: MR. SINCLAIR (CHAIRMAN), SENATOR WITHERS, MR. NIXON, MR. PEACOCK, MR. VINER, SENATOR WEBSTER, SENATOR DURACK, MR. MACPHEE, MR. GARLAND, MR. ELLICOTT, MR. GROOM.

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2. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE - COMMENT: IT WILL BE NOTED THAT OF THE TEN COMMITTEES FRASER IS CHAIRMAN OF FIVE AND LYNCH OF FOUR, WITH SINCLAIR AS CHAIRMAN OF THE REMAINING COMMITTEE. LYNCH APPEARS TO HAVE FIRMLY ESTABLISHED HIMSELF AS THE GOVERNMENT'S SPOKESMAN ON ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT MATTERS.

IT WILL ALSO BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE NEW CABINET COMMITTEE SET-UP HAS DONE AWAY WITH THE FORMER STANDING ECONOMIC COMMITTEE. THE MOVE TO ABOLISH THIS COMMITTEE IS BEING SEEN BY SOME OBSERVERS AS COINCIDING WITH A BUILD-UP OF ECONOMIC ADVISORY STRENGTH WITHIN MR. FRASER'S DEPARTMENT OF PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET AND AWAY FROM THE NOW SPLIT AND WEAKENED TREASURY. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

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